Number of Persons Visiting IIFT-93

338. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of people, including trade and business visitors both at domestic and overseas levels who visited India International Trade Fair (IIFT) 1993 held recently in New Delhi ;

(b) what are the names of countries which participated in the Trade Fair, the names of Indian firm-PSUs and organisations indicating the business expected to be generated particularly in chemicals, food stuff and agriculture etc with technologies offered, if any, and agreements signed by India ;

(c) whether Government feels that duration of ten days was hardly sufficient, considering the efforts/expenses involved in mounting the IITF-93 and number of holidays available to public; and

(d) whether Government propose to extend duration of such fair in future to at least three weeks to enable much larger public to visit the fair ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) An estimated 2.5 million visitors visited the India International Trade Fair, '93. No separate account of overseas visitors was maintained but an estimated 5000 overseas visitors visited the Fair.

(b) Details of the countries and PSUs which took part in IITF '93 are as per statement enclosed. (*See below*) Approximately 4000 firms participated through State Govts., Union Territories and special display pavilions in IITF' 93. On the basis of reports received from some of the participants, the business generated aggregated to approximately Rs. 403.04 crores including export orders, import orders, domestic orders, counter sales and bosiness under negotiation. As reported by National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC) the organiser of Techmart at the IITF '93, 47 Memoranda of Understanding were entered into and 5 joint ventures with overseas partners were under negotiation.

(c) and (d) IIFT '94 is proposed to be held over a period of two weeks but it is not considered feasible to go beyond this duration taking into account all relevant factors.

Statement

Name of countries participated in IITF'93

Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cyprus , Korea, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Nepal, Romania, Russia, Sri Lanka, State of Paestine, Taiwan, Ukrain, Afghanistan, Germany, Italy, Rep of Lativia, France, Australia, UAE, USA.

Participants in Techmart' 93

USA, Germany, U.K., Italy, France, Kenya, Zimbabwe, Malawi, Mauritious, Taiwan Canada, Bengium, Sri lanka, Uganda, Botswana, Senegal.

Public Sector Undertaking Participated in IITF 93

1. Steel Authority of India Ltd.
2. Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Ltd.
3. National Thermal Power Corporation.
4. National Small Industries Corporation.
5. Telecommunication India Ltd.
6. Indian Oil Corporation
7. Hindustan Cables Ltd.
8. Hindustan Teleprinters Ltd.
9. Indian Telephone Industry.
10. Coal India.
11. O.N.G.C.
12. Gas Authority of India Ltd.
13. Engineers India Ltd.
14. Hindustan Petroleum Corpn. Limited.
15. Bharat Petroleum Corpn. Ltd.
16. Delhi Electricity Supply Undertaking.
17. Coir Board.
18. Jute Manufacturers Development Council.
19. National Textiles Corporation.
20. Tea Board.
21. Life Insurance Corporation.
22. Housing & Urban Devolpment Corporation.
23. Spices Board.